

**COL Sexton Opening Remarks
West Lake Landfill – Press Event
December 22, 2015**

(COL Sexton will make opening remarks after Mark Hague, EPA R7 Acting Regional Administrator, makes his remarks)

For the past year, the Corps of Engineers has provided technical support to EPA Region 7 on the West Lake Landfill site.

Our support has included reviewing isolation barrier alternatives proposed by Republic Services and assessing those alternatives for technical feasibility and the ability to serve its intended purpose.

We have had Geotechnical, Structural, and Mechanical Engineers, Health Physicists, and a Biologist involved in review and assessment of the proposed alternatives.

We have participated in numerous discussions with EPA personnel, MDNR personnel, the Missouri Attorney General's office, Republic Services, and other supporting agencies to support EPA in their decision-making process regarding this barrier.

As this decision is implemented, the Corps will remain engaged and providing technical support to EPA to ensure the barrier is designed and installed according to accepted industry and engineering standards in order to fulfill its intended purpose to prevent a subsurface smoldering event from coming into contact with radiologically impacted materials within the landfill.